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SUBJECT: ROK PRESS REACTION TO WITHDRAWAL OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 22, ALL ROK NEWSPAPERS GAVE HEADLINE  
TREATMENT TO WITHDRAWAL OF BOTH COMMUNIST AND WESTERN UN  
RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA QUESTION AND CARRIED TEXTS OF  
TANZANIAN AND JAPANESE LETTERS REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL.  
LEADING TONG-A ILBO AND TWO OTHER PAPERS RAN EDITORIALS ON  
SUBJECT.

2. ARTICLES CARRIED STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO WESTERN  
DIPLOMATS THAT WITHDRAWAL MEANT "A GREAT RETREAT" FOR  
NORTH KOREA (NK), AND "A VICTORY FOR ROK DIPLOMACY,"  
BUT TONE OF ARTICLES WAS FACTURL. THERE WAS NO CROWING  
OVER WITHDRAWAL AS VICTORY FOR ROK. TONG-A ILBO COLUMN  
GIVING "INSIDE" VIEW OF GOVERNMENT REPORTED JOY AT MOFA,  
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BUT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED CORRECT ATTITUDE TAKEN IN

MINISTRY STATEMENTS, "APPARENTLY AS RESULT OF JUDGMENT  
IT BEST NOT TO STIF UP NK'S."

3. TONGA ILBO EDITORIAL AND FEATURE COMMENT POINTED OUT  
THAT IT IS STILL TOO SOON TO SAY WHETHER ACTION BY NK  
REPRESENTS A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN POLICY TOWARD SOUTH, OR  
JUST A TEMPORARY TACTICAL RETREAT. EDITORIAL POINTED OUT  
THAT NK STOOD TO GAIN ON THREE POINTS: A) AVOIDING  
CRITICISM FOR AUGUST 18 PANMUNJOM INCIDENT IN UN, B)  
CREATING ATMOSPHERE FOR PEACE TREATY WITH U.S., AND C)  
AVOIDING DEFEAT OF ITS UN RESOLUTION.  
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